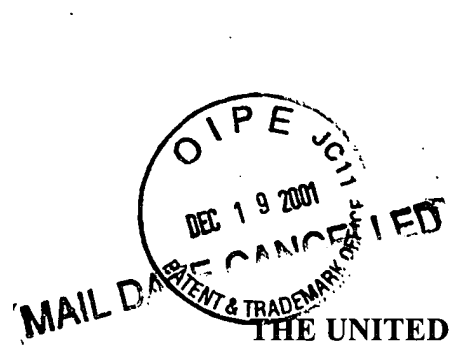


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is supplemental to our filing of September 26, 2001. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this filing; however, please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 18433/2042.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 26-31 and 33-35. Please replace claims 1-22, 32, 36-48 as follows, and add new claims 49-51.

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- 1) A chimeric expression promoter comprising at least one nucleic acid sequence, derived from a first plant promoter comprising a plant vascular expression promoter region, said plant vascular expression promoter region being replaced with a nucleic acid sequence derived from a second plant promoter and comprising a plant green tissue expression promoter region.

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